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<p>Prior Application:</p> <p>Examiner: <u>N. Ngo</u></p> <p>Art Unit: <u>2814</u></p>	<p>I hereby certify that this 37 CFR 1.60 request and the documents referred to as attached therein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service on <u>August 4, 2003</u> in an envelope as "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 CFR 1.10, Mailing Label Number <u>EV 321709252</u> addressed to the: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231</p> <p><u>Yue x Run</u> name of person signing</p> <p><u>Yue x Run</u> signature</p>
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BOX PATENT APPLICATION  
Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

TRANSMITTAL OF FILING UNDER 37 CFR 1.60(b)

1. This is a request for filing a

☐ Divisional

☒ Continuation

application under 37 CFR 1.60 of pending prior application Serial No. 09/905,587 filed on July 13, 2003 of Ritsuko KAWASAKI, Hidehito KITAKADO, Kenji KASAHARA and Shunpei YAMAZAKI for Semiconductor Device And A Method Of Manufacturing The Same which is a continuation of prior application Serial No. 09/532,690 filed on March 22, 2000 of Ritsuko KAWASAKI, Hidehito KITAKADO, Kenji KASAHARA and Shunpei

YAMAZAKI for Semiconductor Device And A Method Of Manufacturing The Same (now  
U.S. Patent no. 6,281,552 issued August 28, 2001)

2. True Copy of Original Prior Application Papers Attached.

I hereby verify that the attached papers are a true copy of the above-identified prior application, including the oath or declaration originally filed (37 CFR 1.60).

3. Amendments

☐ Cancel in this application original claims\_\_\_\_ of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes.)

☒ Please enter the enclosed Preliminary Amendment (prior to calculating the filing fee)

4. Information Disclosure Statement

☒ An Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed herewith.

5. Fee Calculation (claims pending after entry of any amendments above)

☐ A verified statement of small entity status:

☐ has been filed in the parent application and such status is still proper and desired

☐ is attached

☒ Other than small entity

For	Number Filed	Number Extra	Rate sm/lg ent.	Fee
Total Claims	12	-20 =0	x \$9/18	\$0.00
Independent Claims	4	- 3 = 0	x \$42/84	\$84.00
Multiple Dependent Claims	No		\$280/140	\$0.00
Basic Fee (minimum amount required)			\$375/750	\$750
Assignment			\$40	\$0
Total Filing Fee				\$834.00

6. Fee Payment

☒ A check in the amount of \$834.00 is enclosed

☐ Please charge deposit account 50/1039 in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_.

☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Account No. 50/1039. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

7. Drawings

☒ New formal drawings are enclosed.

☐ Informal drawings are enclosed.

8. Foreign Priority

☒ Priority of foreign application serial nos. 11-078715 filed on March 23, 1999 in Japan is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119.

☒ The certified copy of each has been filed in prior U.S. application Serial No. 09/532,690.

☐ The certified copy will follow.

9. Relate Back -- 35 U.S.C. 120

☒ Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

--This application is a continuation of copending U.S. application Serial No. 09/905,587, filed on July 13, 2001 which is a continuation of U.S. application Serial No. 09/532,690, filed on March 22, 2000 (now US 6,281,552 issued August 28, 2001).--

10. Inventorship

With respect to the prior copending U.S. application from which this application claims benefit under 35 USC 120 the inventor(s) in this application is (are):

☒ the same

☐ less than those named in the prior application and it is requested that the following inventor(s) identified above for the prior application be deleted:

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11. Assignment

☒ The prior application is assigned of record to Semiconductor Energy Laboratory Co., Ltd.

☐ An assignment of the invention to \_\_\_\_\_ is attached (with cover sheet) for recording..

12. Maintenance of Copendency of Prior Application

☐ A petition, fee and response has been filed to extend the term in the pending prior application until \_\_\_\_\_ or

☐ A conditional petition for extension of time is being filed in the pending parent application (copy enclosed).

13. Power of Attorney

☒ The power of attorney in the prior application is to: Edward D. Manzo,  
registration no. 28,139

☐ The power appears in the original papers in the prior application.


☒ Since the power does not appear in the original papers, a copy of the  
power in the prior application is enclosed.

☒ Address all future communications to:

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Respectfully submitted,

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